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TITLE OF INVENTION: VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION MARKING SYSTEM

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Jimmy Lin

Applicant(s)

RODRIGUEZ, MILTON

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after-final response filed 3/23/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11 and 15-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Jimmy Lin/
Examiner, Art Unit 1792

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Barbara Brown on March 26, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

A method of identifying an object comprising:

providing an object having on a surface thereof at least one layer of paint;

determining a unique discrete identification for the object;

applying the unique discrete identification to the at least one paint layer on the surface with a UV fluorescent material;

permitting the fluorescent material to migrate into the at least one paint layer, while an excess amount of fluorescent material remains on the at least one paint layer;

removing the excess amount of fluorescent material from the at least one paint layer with a solvent;

~~wherein the unique discrete identification created by the fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the use of ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface; and~~

directly viewing the at least one paint layer at an acute angle to the object surface.

Claim 15:

A method of identifying an object comprising:

providing an object having on a surface thereof at least one layer of paint; determining a unique discrete identification for the object;

Deleted: without use of an ultraviolet light and without use of any intermediary layer between a viewer and the at least one paint layer, such that the unique discrete identification created by fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface.

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applying at essentially room temperature the unique discrete identification to the at least one paint layer on the surface with a liquid UV fluorescent material using a brush;

permitting the fluorescent material to migrate into the at least one paint layer at essentially room temperature, while an excess amount of fluorescent material remains on the at least one paint layer;

removing the excess amount of fluorescent material from the at least one paint layer with a solvent;

wherein the unique discrete identification created by the fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the use of ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface; and

directly viewing the at least one paint layer at an acute angle to the object surface.

Deleted: without use of an ultraviolet light and without use of any intermediary layer between a viewer and the at least one paint layer, such that the unique discrete identification created by fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface.

Claim 17:

A method of identifying an object comprising:

providing an object having on a surface thereof at least one layer of paint;

determining a unique alphanumeric identification for the object;

creating a stencil of the unique alphanumeric identification by a) providing a stencil sheet having an adhesive backing layer attached to a release sheet, b) cutting the alphanumeric identification into the stencil sheet without cutting through the release sheet, c) removing the stencil sheet with cut alphanumeric identification and adhesive backing layer from the release sheet, d) placing the stencil sheet with cut alphanumeric identification and adhesive backing layer onto a second adhesive layer, and e) removing the stencil sheet and adhesive backing layer without the cut alphanumeric identification from the second adhesive layer, creating cut-out openings on the stencil sheet and leaving the cut alphanumeric identification on the second adhesive layer; applying the stencil sheet and adhesive backing layer with the cut-out openings to the at least one paint layer on the object surface;

applying a UV fluorescent material to the stencil sheet through the cut-out openings and on to the at least one paint layer on the surface;

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removing the stencil sheet and adhesive backing layer from the object surface, leaving fluorescent material in the form of the unique alphanumeric identification on the at least one paint layer;

permitting the fluorescent material to migrate into the at least one paint layer, while an excess amount of fluorescent material remains on the at least one paint layer;

removing the excess amount of fluorescent material from the at least one paint layer;

wherein the unique discrete identification created by the fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the use of ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface; and

directly viewing the at least one paint layer at an acute angle to the object surface.

Claim 19:

A method of secretly identifying a vehicle comprising:

providing a vehicle having a surface;

selecting a desired, unrevealed location on a portion of the vehicle surface;

determining a unique discrete identification for the vehicle;

applying the unique discrete identification to the unrevealed location on the vehicle surface with a marking fluid not normally visible in daylight when viewed normal to the vehicle surface;

permitting the marking fluid to become embedded in the vehicle surface in the form of the unique discrete identification at the unrevealed location, while leaving an excess amount of the marking fluid on the vehicle surface;

removing the excess amount of the marking fluid on the vehicle surface, such that the unique discrete identification formed by the embedded marking fluid in the vehicle surface is visible at the unrevealed location at an acute angle to the vehicle surface or by use of light other than daylight;

wherein the unique discrete identification created by the fluorescent material embedded into the vehicle surface is visible at an acute angle to the vehicle surface without the use of ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the embedded marking fluid

Deleted: without use of an ultraviolet light and without use of any intermediary layer between a viewer and the at least one paint layer, such that the unique discrete identification created by fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface.

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on the vehicle surface, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the vehicle surface;

directly viewing the unrevealed location of the vehicle surface at an acute angle;

recording' the unique discrete identification and the unrevealed location on the vehicle surface in a searchable database for retrieval in the event that the vehicle needs to be identified.

Deleted: without use of an ultraviolet light and without use of any intermediary layer between a viewer and the embedded marking fluid on the vehicle surface, such that the unique discrete identification created by fluorescent material embedded into the vehicle surface is visible at an acute angle to the vehicle surface without the ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the embedded marking fluid on the vehicle surface, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the vehicle surface; and

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest "wherein the unique discrete identification created by the fluorescent material migrated into the at least one paint layer is visible at an acute angle to the object surface without the use of ultraviolet light and any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer, while being substantially invisible at an angle normal to the object surface" in combination with the other claim limitations.

The amendments were made to clarify that the limitation of "without the use of . . . any intermediary layer between the viewer and the at least one paint layer" only describes a property of the embedded fluorescent material and not the method of viewing because the embedded fluorescent material would still be visible when viewed through a clear coat on the paint (see, e.g., paragraph [0041] of the publication of the present specification U.S. Publication No. 2005/0112275) or through a viewer's sunglasses. The amendments would avoid any potential 112, first paragraph issues with the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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